

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 2861, VA/HUD Appropriations.

House passed H.R. 2859, FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9925–S9992

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1455–1468, S. Res. 200–201, and S. Con. Res. 61–62. **Page S9959**

Measures Reported:

S. 678, to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–112)

H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia, with amendments and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 184, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, with amendments and with an amended preamble. **Page S9959**

Measures Passed:

National Good Neighbor Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, designating September 28, 2003, as "National Good Neighbor Day". **Page S9986**

Recognizing the Founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century. **Pages S9986–87**

National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 40, designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

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National Children's Memorial Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 196, designating December 14, 2003, as "National Children's Memorial Day", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 201, designating the month of September 2003 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

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Honoring Korean War Veterans: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 62, honoring the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans.

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Energy Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Domenici (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1390, to authorize grants to the Ground Water Protection Council to develop risk-based data management systems in State oil and gas agencies to assist States and oil and gas producers with compliance, economic forecasting, permitting, and exploration.

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Bingaman (for Durbin/Collins) Amendment No. 1391, to encourage energy conservation through bicycling.

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Bingaman (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1392, to provide for a renewable production of hydrogen demonstration and commercial application program.

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Bingaman (for Schumer) Amendment No. 1393, to require the Secretary of Energy to transmit to

Congress a plan for the transfer of title to the Western New York Service Center in West Valley, New York. **Pages S9941–42**

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 1394, to provide for the preservation and archiving of geological and geophysical data through establishment of a data archive system. **Pages S9941–42**

Bingaman (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1395, of a clarifying nature. **Pages S9941–42**

Domenici Amendment No. 1396, to extend the Clean Coal program through 2012. **Pages S9942–43**

Domenici/Murkowski Amendment No. 1397, to provide for the calculation of coastal impact assistance payments based on previous years' revenues. **Pages S9942–43**

Domenici Amendment No. 1398, to remove the requirement that the Secretary must hold coastal impact assistance payments in escrow in certain circumstances. **Pages S9942–43**

Domenici Amendment No. 1399, to clarify that certain hydrogen demonstration programs include the entire National Park System. **Pages S9942–43**

Domenici Amendment No. 1400, to modify the definition of research in regards to the Next Generation Lighting Initiative. **Pages S9942–43**

Bingaman (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1401, to make technical changes to Sec. 111 relative to impact assistance payments to States and political subdivisions. **Pages S9942–43**

Pending:

Campbell Amendment No. 886, to replace "tribal consortia" with "tribal energy resource development organizations". **Pages S9926–27**

Durbin Amendment No. 1384, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency. **Pages S9926–27**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 1385, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for enhancing motor vehicle fuel efficiency. **Pages S9926–27**

Bond Amendment No. 1386, to impose additional requirements for improving automobile fuel economy and reducing vehicle emissions. **Pages S9926–27**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Monday, July 28, 2003. **Page S9988**

Homeland Security Appropriations—Amendment Modified: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the July 24, 2003 passage of H.R. 2555, Homeland Security Appropriations, Hutchison Amendment No. 1364, to provide for advanced funding to authorized entities performing duties under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

who respond to disasters declared by the President, which was previously agreed to, was modified. **Page S9986**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S9986**

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 29, 2003. **Page S9986**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the order of Thursday, July 24, 2003, Senate will consider the nomination of Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, at 5:20 p.m., on Monday, July 28, 2003, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 5:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will confirm the nomination of Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S9986**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

John Joseph Grossenbacher, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2004.

John Joseph Grossenbacher, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2009. (Reappointment) **Page S9992**

Messages From the House: **Page S9957**

Measures Referred: **Page S9957**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S9957–59**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S9960–78**

Additional Statements: **Pages S9956–57**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9978–80**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9980**

Text of H.R. 2555 as Previously Passed: **Pages S9980–86**

Recess: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 3:35 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, July 28, 2003.

(For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9989.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ALIEN SMUGGLING/HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights concluded hearings to examine deterrence of alien smuggling and human trafficking, focusing on these as two distinct crimes posing challenges for international law enforcement, legislative and law enforcement efforts, the nature of the offenses, the evolution of trafficking and smuggling networks, coordination with foreign law en-

forcement, reorganization of resources within the Department of Justice, interagency and international cooperation, significant prosecutions, and sentencing and penalty issues, after receiving testimony from John Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Paul K. Charlton, United States Attorney, District of Arizona, and Jane J. Boyle, United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice; Charles H. Demore, Interim Assistant Director of Investigations, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Robert L. Harris, Deputy Chief, United States Border Patrol, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Sharon B. Cohn, International Justice Mission, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 92 public bills, H.R. 2896–2987; and 18 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 260–269, and H. Res. 242–249, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference, amended (H. Rept. 108–239);

Conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–240); and

H.R. 1561, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees, amended (H. Rept. 108–241).

Pages H7718–64, H7781

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Solis motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, the All American Tax Relief Act by a nay-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 447, and later rejected the Bishop motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 449.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2859, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the FY 2003 by a recorded vote of 352 yeas to 60 noes, Roll No. 459.

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Rejected the Toomey amendment that seeks to offset the cost of the bill by rescinding already appropriated unobligated FY03 discretionary funds (rejected by a nay-and-nay vote of 111 yeas and 300 nays, Roll No. 458).

Pages H7650–54, H7714

The House agreed to H. Res 339, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill and agreed to the Hastings amendment to the rule by voice votes. The Hastings amendment made in order an amendment to be offered by Representative Toomey or his designee.

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Earlier agreed to order the previous question on the rule and the amendment by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 448.

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Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight of July 30 to file a privileged report making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for FY04.

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VA/HUD Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2861, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a nay-and-nay vote of 316 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 456.

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